

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
March 17, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

S. C. R. No. 4, In memory of Mark McGee.

H. C. R. No. 7, Permitting the House and Senate to adjourn from March 17, 1954, until March 23, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE JONES,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

**House Concurrent Resolution 7
on Second Reading**

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 7, Granting each House permission to adjourn from March 17, 1954, to March 23, 1954.

The resolution was read.

Senator Bracewell asked unanimous consent to consider the resolution immediately.

There was objection.

Senator Bracewell then moved to consider the resolution immediately.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—22

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Phillips
Fuller	Rogers of Travis
Hardeman	Russell
Kazen	Rutherford
Kelley	Sadler
Lane	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller

Nays—6

Bell	Rogers
Colson	of Childress
Corbin	Willis
Parkhouse	

Absent

Moore

Absent—Excused

Hazlewood Weinert

Question recurring on the resolution, Senator Hardeman offered the following amendment:

Amend H. C. R. No. 7 by changing the date 23 to 22.

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Record of Vote

Senator Parkhouse asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the adoption of the resolution.

Recess

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 11:04 o'clock a. m. took recess until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY

(Continued))

(Thursday, March 18, 1954)

After Recess

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the President Pro Tempore.

Senate Resolution 5

Senator Bell by unanimous consent offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We were honored yesterday to have in the gallery 54 students of the Civics Class of the Floresville High School, Floresville, Texas, accompanied by their teacher and sponsor and many of the mothers of the students; and

Whereas, Floresville is a principal city in the District of our esteemed colleague, Senator Weinert, who is ill and excused; and

Whereas, These students and guests were on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens were here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that

a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5

Senator Bell, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 5, Requesting survey for possibilities of Old Indianola as State Park and invitation to attend Pilgrimage on May 16, 1954.

Whereas, The history of Texas and its pioneer communities offers an inspiring lesson to the people of this and future generations, and

Whereas, It is fitting that landmarks be consecrated and preserved, and

Whereas, Old Indianola, once known as the "Queen City of the West," a thriving and industrious seaport, has been totally destroyed by recurrent storms, so that little remains of this once important settlement but a few crumbled walls, broken cisterns and the burial place of rugged pioneers who braved the dangers of a strange and undeveloped frontier to establish a great commonwealth and industrial empire, and

Whereas, Old Indianola was situated on Cavallo Pass of Matagorda Bay where the intrepid but ill-fated Rene Robert Sieur de La Salle made his landing in Texas in 1685 A.D., and where later there disembarked the sturdy German immigrants led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels who went on to settle a large part of Texas, and

Whereas, The port was long used by the leading ship lines and became the county seat and site of the military depot through which the frontier Army posts in Texas were supplied, and the terminus of an early Texas railroad, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature direct the State Parks Board and the State Historical Survey Committee to make a thorough investigation of the possibilities of preserving Old Indianola and its environs as a historic site and state park, in order that the heritage of these inspiring incidents

not pass from memory, and, be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature extends an invitation to all interested citizens to participate in a pilgrimage to Old Indianola on Sunday, May 16, 1954, and witness the pageant and historic exercises to be conducted there.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Bell and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Reports of Standing Committees

By unanimous consent, Senator Lock submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas
March 18, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred S. B. No. 7, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LOCK, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, Senator Aikin submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,
March 17, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Education, to whom was referred S. B. No. 1, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended and be printed.

AIKIN, Chairman.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Parkhouse and by unanimous consent, the President Pro Tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 2, Relating to removal of Veterans Administration District offices from Texas and Georgia.

The resolution was read the second time and was adopted.

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Hall of the House of Representatives,
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March 17, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has concurred in Senate amendment to H. C. R. No. 7 by viva voce vote.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE JONES,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Resolution 7

Senator Martin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate, the Civics Class from Copperas Cove High School, accompanied by their sponsor, Miss Faye Brady; and

Whereas, These guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young

American citizens is here to observe and to learn at firsthand the workings of their State government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest; and that a copy of this Resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Martin by unanimous consent presented the Class and Miss Brady to the Members of the Senate.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Willis the Senate at 10:46 o'clock a. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Monday, March 22, 1954.

Record of Vote

Senator Phillips asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the motion to adjourn.

In Memory of
J. Owen Wilson

Senator Ashley offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 6)

Whereas, On the 22nd day of February, 1954, J. Owen Wilson was called to his Heavenly reward; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson's death culminated an outstanding lifetime of leadership and service to his fellow man; and

Whereas, He was born in Austin on August 21, 1883 and is survived by his wife, a son, J. Owen Wilson, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Joe Macken, both of Austin; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson was a beloved citizen of Bertram, Burnet County, Texas and a substantial farmer and rancher; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson was known to many of us as a man of the finest qualities, generous with his time and talents, and always mindful of the furtherance of the good of his fellow citizens; and

Whereas, Mr. Wilson, familiarly known as "Chief" Wilson was one of the great sport figures of the 20th century, having spent 13 years in professional baseball, 9 years of which were played in the National League; and

Whereas, Owen (Chief) Wilson was a star outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates on the World Championship Team of 1909 in which year they won the National League pennant and the historic World Series from the Detroit Tigers, in which series Ty Cobb and Hans Wagner conducted a personal feud, and which World Series is regarded by authorities as the roughest ever played; and

Whereas, "Chief" Wilson in the season of 1912 established the all-time Major League record for the greatest number of three-base hits ever made by one player in a single season, when he hit 36 triples, which is ten more than the American League Record; and

Whereas, In 1911 this great athlete hit three triples in a single game against the Brooklyn Dodgers, which is still the Major League record shared by Joe DiMaggio of the American League; and

Whereas, J. Owen Wilson was a model citizen in private life, and a model athlete, being one of the few professional baseball players who was never ejected from a game in his life by an umpire, and whose integrity was so highly regarded that the famous umpire, "Billy Klem," asked him to call a play in the outfield which Klem did not see in a game against the Philadelphia Phillies; and

Whereas, Owen "Chief" Wilson and his great personal friend, the fabulous Tris Speaker, were the first Texas baseball players to become stars in Major League Baseball; and

Whereas, The great sports figure was a credit to our national pastime, a respected and well-loved citizen of the community in which he lived, a devoted husband and father, and a warm personal friend of the author of this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of J. Owen "Chief" Wilson.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

FOURTH DAY

(Monday, March 22, 1954)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President Pro Tempore.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Rogers
Corbin	of Childress
Fuller	Rogers of Travis
Hardeman	Russell
Hazlewood	Rutherford
Kazen	Sadler
Kelley	Secrest
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent—Excused

Bell	Weinert
Martin	

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Bell was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator McDonald.

Senator Martin was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Lock.

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness on motion of Senator Moffett.

Reports of Standing Committee

Senator Lock submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
March 22, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred S. B. No. 2, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee Substitute do pass in lieu thereof, as amended, and be printed.

LOCK, Chairman.

C. S. S. B. No. 2 was read first time.

Austin, Texas,
March 22, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred S. B. No. 3, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

LOCK, Chairman.

Address by Judge S. J. Isaacks

Senator Rutherford, by unanimous consent, presented Judge S. J. Isaacks of El Paso, Texas, former Member and Dean of the House of Representatives until his recent retirement, to the Members of the Senate and requested him to address the Senate.

The President Pro Tempore appointed Senators Rutherford, Hardeman and Moffett to escort Judge Isaacks to the President's Rostrum. The President Pro Tempore presented Senator Rutherford and he in turn presented Judge Isaacks to the Senate.

Judge Isaacks addressed the Senate expressing appreciation for being here and thanking the Senate for the honor bestowed on him.

Senate Resolution 9

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the Gallery a delegation from Brewster County, Texas, in which is situated the Big Bend National Park, and

Whereas, This distinguished delegation is in the City of Austin to obtain the help of the Honorable Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas, to extend an invitation to the President of the United States to participate in the dedicatory exercises of the Big Bend National Park, and